A news item to this effect has come to notiie.

(b) Our electoral system has by and large, been working satisfactorily. In all the previous elections, people have voted fearlessly exercising their right of franchise in a free manner. However, the electoral system could be strengthened further on the basis of experience gathered during the last elections. The Election Commission have made proposals for electoral reforms which are under consideration. Government proposes to finalise them after consultation with political parties.

M/s. Chandra Industries

1366. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer the collaboration granted for making Cross Pen in India to M/s. Chandra Industries and state:

(a) what is the export obligation and what guarantees for meeting the exports;

(b) what are the exports executed and what are the sales in India;

(c) what is the import content and how much collaboration fees have been paid;

(d) whether permission for Foreign Trade Mark was given or any restrictions were placed on the use of Foreign Trade Marks; and

(e) whether Government are aware that the Foreign Trade Mark is being used by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government have not granted any foreign collaboration approval in this case. However, M/s. Chandra Industries have informed that they have not entered into any foreign collaboration to manufacture 'cross' pens in India and that they have commenced production under commercial agreement not involving any payment of royalty, technical know-how fees etc.

(b) The company has informed that it has export orders for approx. Rs. 40 lakhs on hand and its internal sale till February, 1987 was Rs. 28 lakhs approx.

(c) According to the company, about 50 per cent of the material used is indigenous and the import requirements are met under REP/AU licences.

(d) and (e) The Government has not given any approval for use of foreign trade marks. However, the company has stated that "Cross" made in India is used under the Registered Users Trade Mark Agreement which does not involve any payment or royalty.

Modernising of Public Sector Units

1367. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plans have been formulated for modernising the public sector units and to make them viable and improve their competitiveness; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (e) Yes, Sir.

(b) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the performance budgets of various administrative Ministries/Departments which contain, inter-alia, major proposals for modernisation of various public sector units also.